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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (NUMBERED PARA 2, LAST LINE OF TEXT; THIS
VICE THAT)

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - CLEARANCE OF TRANS INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES FLIGHT

1. PLS ADVISE ASAP TRANS INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES, OAKLAND,
CALIFORNIA, THAT DGCA APPROVES ITS CATTLE CARGO FLIGHT FROM
TORONTO TO TEHRAN ON DEC 3 ONLY IF, RPT ONLY IF, IT OPERATES AS
SUB-CHARTER OF IRAN AIR AND TRANS INTERNATIONAL PAYS REQUIRED FEE
(WHICH WE UNDERSTAND IS \$2000). DGCA, WHILE SYMPATHETIC TO OUR
ENTREATIES, STATES IRAN AIR IS ADAMANT THAT IT OPERATE AS
SUB-CHARTER. WE INFORMED DGCA WE UNDERSTOOD, FROM PHONE CONVERSATION
WITH TRANS INTERNATIONAL, THAT IT WOULD NOT FLY CHARTER IF FEE INVOLV
ED.

2. FYI: EMB FIRST LEARNED OF THIS FLIGHT IN PHONE CALL RECEIVED
HERE AT 0500 ON DEC 2 IN WHICH TRANS INTERNATIONAL REQUESTED
EMB CONTACT DGCA TO SECURE FLIGHT APPROVAL WITHOUT FEE PAYMENT
TO IRAN AIR. EMBOFF HAD SEVERAL CONTACTS WIT HDGCA IN COURSE
DEC 2 IN EFFORT RESOLVE MATTER TO OUR SATISFACTION BUT DGCA
SAID IT BOUND BY IRAN AIR'S INSISTENCE ON SUB-CHARTER.
EMBOFF STATED DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND CAB WOULD FIND IT DIFFI-
CULT TO UNDERSTAND THIS TREATMENT OF U.S. SUPPLEMENTAL CARRIER
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WHEN IRAN AIR HAD APPLICATION PENDING FOR SECTION 402 PERMIT, WHICH

IF GRANTED WOULD NOT REQUIRE IRAN AIR PAY SUCH A FEE. DGCA
OFFICIAL STILL COULD NOT GET IRAN AIR'S APPROVAL FOR FLIGHT
WITHOUT PAYMENT, EVEN AFTER CITING EMBOFF'S VIEWS. DGCA
OFFICIAL DID SUGGEST WE HAVE CONFERENCE SOON ON THIS SUBJECT
WITH IRAN AIR. IN MEANTIME, SUGGEST DEPARTMENT INFORM CAB OF
THIS RECURRING PROBLEM WITH IRAN AIR. WE UNDERSTAND FROM
CONVERSATIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF CARRIERS OF OTHER NATIONS
THEY ALSO REQUIRED TO MAKE SUCH PAYMENTS (WHICH DGCA OFFICIAL
REFERRED TO AS QUOTE NON-OBJECTION FEE UNQUOTE) AND CON-
SEQUENTLY MANY CARRIERS REFRAIN FROM SEEKING APPROVAL FOR
CHARTER FLIGHTS. IN EFFORT EXPLAIN DECISION, DGCA OFFICIAL
SAID THAT FACT FLIGHT WOULD ORIGINATE IN TORONTO INSTEAD OF IN
U.S. HAD BEEN ONE FACTOR BUT EMBOFF SAID HE COULD NOT ACCEPT THIS
VIEW.
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